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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND TOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"FEDERATION"

Captain Prud'homme will be despatched for the above port on TUESDAY, 15 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

LAUTS, WEIGERTH & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1896. [2228]

STEAMSHIP "OCEANIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo from London on S.S. *Gaudivus*, from Havre ex. S.S. *Gaudivus*, from Bordeaux or S.S. *Ville d'Avranches*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at the Quay of the Godowns of the Canton and Kowloon Wharfs, and Company Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 3 P.M. To-day, the 28th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY the 6th Oct., at Noon, will be subject to rate and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY the 6th Oct., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Freight will be examined on TUESDAY the 6th Oct., at 4 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1896. [2229]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG"

having arrived from the above port, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered on board alongside.

Cargo, including the discharge or remaining cargo, after 4 P.M. of the 30th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into Godown at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1896. [2230]

NAVIGATION GENERALE ITALIANA (Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"BISAGNO"

having arrived from the above port, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are held at their risk, until the goods are landed at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Limited, Wan Chai, whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the underwriters before Noon on the 6th October, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any goods remaining in the Godowns after the 6th October will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1896. [2231]

JUST LANDED.

A FRESH STOCK OF AUSTRALIAN PINEAPPLE BRAND HAMS AND STREAKY BACON AT 40 CENTS PER LB.

Also—

A fresh lot of EDAM RED CHEESE.

H. BUTTONJEE, LTD., 11 D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1896. [2232]

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

THE Undersigned has received Instructions

To Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION TO-DAY

(TUESDAY), the 29th SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at the BRETT CASTLE ROAD,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—

DRAWING ROOM SUITE IN TAFFRAY CANTON BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, CENTRE AND SIDE TABLES, PICTURES, OBELAMENTS, FENDERS, OVERMANTLES.

One TEAK CARVED BEDBOARD with

BEDVELLS, GILT EXTENSION DINING

TABLES, CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGON GLASS AND CROCKERYWARE,

ELECTRO PLATE AND CUTLERY,

PANTRY AND KITCHEN REQUISITES,

IRON BEDSTEADS, WAIRDOOR,

with Glass Doors, CASETS OF DRAWERS, MATTRESS, WASH-

STANDS, DUSTPANS, TABLES, BAT-

TAN, BILHES, BATHROOM RE-

QUISES, &c.

Catalogue will be issued prior to Sale.

On View from MONDAY, the 28th September.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Bank notes or by cheque.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1896. [2175]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. R. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received

Instructions from the MORTGAGEES

To Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON MONDAY, the 5th OCTOBER, 1896,

at 1.30 o'clock in the Afternoon,

at the Prinsep, the following Leasehold

Properties, namely—

INLAND, LOTS Nos. 834 and 835 with

the House thereon, Nos. 74 to 75, Queen Street, No. 91 to 111, Queen Street, and No.

1st Floor, Queen's Building, Leadenhall Street, to be sold as a separate Lot.

All the above Properties are held from the Crown for the respective terms of 539 years granted by the Crown. Leases of the Lots, and are to be sold subject to the existing tenancies, and to the payment of a proportionate part of the Rent of the Estate, and to the payment of the Rent in the said Crown Lease.

Further particulars may be had on application to the Undersigned, at whose Office a Sale Plan may be seen.

C. EWING, Solicitor for the Mortgagors.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1896. [2181]

PHARMACEUTIC PRODUCTS OF THE FAIRWEATHER VERN MEISTER, LUCIUS & ERNUNING HOCHST & MAIN.

IM. KNORR'S LION BRAND "ANTIPYRINE,"

(Dose for Adults 10 to 35 Grains Tinct.)

It is the most popular and most effective remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,

NEURALGIA, RHEMMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,

SCYTOMELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints.

It is a powerful Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty.

Dr. Knoerr's ANTIPYRINE. Each Tin bear the Signature "IM. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL."

It is the best Vulnerary, its effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds is described

as unique.

DR. O'VELLAGE'S "MIGRAININE,"

(ANTIPAIN—CAPTAIN CRISTE)

Invaluable for mitigation of the greatest pain in TREATING HEADACHES OF DEFINITIVE

ETIOLOGY, & HEADACHES OF NICOTINE, and MORPHIC POISONING,

etc., etc. The administration of other remedies have failed.

The Undersigned has the sole and exclusive right to sell the Product of this Drug.

Supplier constantly on hand at the

CHINA EXPORT IMPORT & BANK CO., Sole Agents for China

BEWARE OF SPURIOUS IMITATIONS.

## INTIMATIONS.

### CUTLER, PALMER & CO.

Have been shipped to CHINA for nearly 76 years. Their Brands are generally known all over the World.

A1 QUALITY COGNAC.

Distinguished by 2 Stars on the label.

Price \$12.00 per dozen bottles.

SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC.

Distinguished by 3 Stars on the label.

Price \$17.75 per dozen bottles.

VERY GOOD COGNAC.

Somewhat younger than the above.

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Price \$13.00 per dozen bottles.

PALL MALL WHISKY.

Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analysis certificate.

The quality is guaranteed.

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DOURO PORT.

This is a fine quality Wine of exceptionally good quality.

Price \$12.00 per dozen bottles.

SHERRIES.

AMOROSO.

The Earl Mina's shipping.

Price \$10.75 per dozen bottles.

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Pure and strong Wine 5 tons.

WHITE SEAT.—SHERBY.—Popular at the Club.

Dry delicate and fine flavor.

Price \$17.75 per dozen bottles.

CLARETS

in Quarts and Pintos.

CHATEAU MOUTON.

For a good dinner Wine we recommend this.

Price \$25.00 per dozen bottles.

LA ROCHE.

This is a very attractive Claret, of good bouquet.

Price \$17.75 per dozen bottles.

MARGAUX-MEDOC.

A breakfast Claret.

Price \$8.75 per dozen bottles.

LIQUEUR.

MILDRED.—Benedictine, D.O.M.

Price \$8.75 per dozen bottles.

Agents—SIEMSEN & CO., HONGKONG.

### W. BOFFEY & CO., TAILORS.

2, D'AGUILAR STREET.

## INTIMATIONS

NOW READY

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY  
FOR CHINA, JAPAN, STRAITS, &c., &c.,  
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With which is incorporated  
THE CHINA DIRECTORY.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ISSUE,  
and will be found, as usual, to contain an advance  
and complete account both in fulness and accuracy  
of information.

The DIRECTORY covers the whole of the  
ports and cities of the Far East, from Penang to  
Vladivostock, in which Europeans reside.

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AT ONCE.

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WITH FULL DIRECTIONS FOR  
SOWING MAY STILL BE HAD  
ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1896. [22]

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1896.  
Dr. DOBEROK, in his report on the  
Observatory for last year, says that all the  
typhoons which have occurred since the  
Observatory was started in 1884 have now  
been investigated, and the staff is at present  
busy with a revision of the law of storms on  
the basis of these investigations. This, he  
says, will probably be finished in a year, and  
the results can then be utilised for weather-  
forecasts and storm warnings in 1897 and  
following years. Perhaps no Government  
department has been made the object of  
more adverse criticism and ridicule than  
the Observatory, but some change  
seems to have taken place during the last  
few years in public feeling with regard to it.  
Captain TELLET, himself an authority on  
meteology, and a representative of the mer-  
cantile marine, has recently written several  
letters to the press in which this change of  
feeling makes itself apparent. Criticism is  
no longer directed against the Observatory's  
storm warnings, but largely against the alleged  
defective method of communicating them.  
The desire to have the information in  
the possession of the Observatory communicated  
more fully and more quickly indicates a recognition of the value of the  
information, and to that extent may be taken  
as a testimonial to the efficiency of the  
service. A good deal of the work of the  
Observatory, however, consists in the  
compiling of information for future investi-  
gation and examination, and of this the  
public hear little. In addition to the  
investigation of all the typhoons of ten  
years Dr. DOBEROK tells us that "The  
entry of observations made at sea in  
degree squares for the area between  
9 deg. south and 45 deg. north latitude  
and between the longitude of Singapore  
and 180 deg. east of Greenwich for the  
construction of trustworthy pilot charts  
has been continued, and 94,322 observa-  
tions in all have now been entered." From  
all this labour the public ought in  
course of time to derive substantial benefit.  
In the meantime it may be noted that  
the Hongkong Observatory is not the only  
one that has to sustain attacks upon its  
utility and reliability. The Meteorological  
Reporter at Simla recently made an unfortunate  
forecast of the monsoon, and a good deal of  
newspaper correspondence, in which the  
official concerned was not spoken of in com-  
plimentary terms followed. It seems that a  
"scatty" monsoon was promised, whereas  
almost continuous rain was experienced for  
nearly seventy days. The monsoon current

was pronounced to be first "feeble" and  
then "deficient"; but the rainfall up to  
the end of August was in Bombay thirty  
inches ahead of that of last year, which was  
by no means a bad year. Commenting on  
this the *Rangoon Gazette* says:—"Excuses  
in abundance can be offered for this failure  
of the official forecast, but what the  
'plain man' asks himself is, what is the  
practical use of a Department that can go  
so far astray? Its conclusions are not  
even approximately accurate and no  
provincial Government, no agricultural  
or mariner would for a moment  
dream of being guided by these forecasts."  
It is true forecasting the weather is but a  
part of the work of the Department, but  
it is a portion which should be frankly  
abandoned. The truth is, weather forecasts  
to be fairly correct, must be based upon  
information infinitely fuller than is possible  
in India at present and, perhaps, fuller  
than ever will be possible in India. Daily  
readings of the Barometer from the east  
coast of Africa, from Central Asia, from  
the Indian Ocean; these are a few points  
which are absolutely necessary. We hear  
much of the snowfall on the Himalayas,  
but at the least this can only be one of the  
numerous observations; in the absence of  
which weather forecasting is but a mock-  
ery in Indio. After the experience of  
this present season, the Department would  
be wise to let weather prophecy alone;  
they cannot forecast the weather with  
any more accuracy than Zadkiel pro-  
phesies the events of next year."

The justice of these comments depends upon  
what is meant by "weather forecasts." If  
the term is to be taken to cover prognostications  
of the weather for a period of some  
months' duration the work might well, as  
our contemporary suggests, be abandoned,  
but forecasts for a few days ahead can now  
be made with tolerable accuracy and they  
prove very useful, not only to shipping,  
but also on shore. With the progress  
of the science of meteorology it may  
become possible to give a forecast of the  
general character of each season as it  
arrives, and it would undoubtedly be useful  
if Dr. DOBEROK could tell us, say, in June,  
whether the rainfall for the season was likely  
to be scanty or abundant, so that the water  
consumption might be regulated in accordance  
with the probable supply; but the  
failure of the Indian prognostication shows  
how impossible any such achievement is in  
the present state of the science of  
meteorology.

There were 2,623 visitors to the City Hall  
Museum last week, of whom 218 were  
Europeans.

To-morrow is the last day on which entries  
can be sent for the Hongkong Football  
Competition.

The P. & O. steamer *Sunda*, from Japan  
and China, arrived at London on the afternoon  
of the 27th instant.

The P. & O. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*,  
with mail, left Nagasaki for this port yesterday  
morning, at 4 a.m.

The P. & O. steamer *Mirrapore* left Singapore  
for this port at 4 p.m. on Sunday with the  
next outward English mail, and may be expected  
here on Friday afternoon.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board will  
be held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.  
The following are the Orders of the day—  
By-law for the sanitary maintenance of Opium  
Dives.

By-law to be made under section 13 of Ordinance  
of 1894.

We are pleased to learn that the Hongkong  
Public Library has now paid off all its loans  
and that there appear to be every hope  
that it will be possible in the future to keep up  
a continuous supply of new books. A list has  
been circulated of books recently purchased,  
which is of very respectable proportions.

Says the "Weekly Topapist" of the *Singapore Free  
Press*:—"We see by that versatile chieftain  
of the times, the *Official Gazette* of Wales,  
that Leopold Austin should not  
write a poem on the wedding of Princess Maud!"  
With a reminiscence of the Rhyme of the Earl  
in his mind's eye the journal adds: "That man  
Wales is evidently a philanthropist." The  
force of criticism can only go so far.

Joseph Keane was charged at the Magis-  
trate's Court with the wilful murder of  
Arthur Conner, of the steamship *Healy*. The  
inquest was held on Saturday and yesterday  
sentence was given on a charge of manslaughter  
preferred against the prisoner who is alleged  
to have so seriously injured Conner as to  
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According to several Spanish papers  
the latest political agitation in the  
Philippines ends in Japan, whither they  
migrated from Hongkong after the Japanese  
victory over China. They are still at  
the Mikado to seize the Philippines, and  
indeed some time ago presented his Majesty  
with a petition signed by twenty thousand  
Indians asking him to interfere. After  
the Mikado had been informed that at  
least fifteen thousand of these signatures  
were obtained by making the natives believe  
they were signing a petition to the Spanish  
Government for a reduction of taxes.

Mr. E. F. Frost, Acting Consul at Canton,  
in his report for last year says:—"The  
collapse of China in the war with Japan  
has shown to the world that the  
pressure of the European powers, and  
the intervention of the United States  
had done much damage, much dis-  
order, and many deaths. In  
October a serious plot to seize the city was discovered  
but its failure was due to the ineptitude  
of its originators, and to the vigilance of  
the Chinese police."

His Lordship The Duke in taking action was  
caused by the difficulty of getting Chinese  
to understand their rights, and by the  
fact that they do not understand  
them. He also claimed that the  
plaintiff had been obstructive and  
delaying in his suit, and that he had  
not been able to get a trial date.

Continuing, Mr. Francis said in the action  
the plaintiff claims \$10,000 damages  
against the defendants for an injunction  
restraining the defendants or their  
agents from continuing the work. He also  
claimed his costs.

Evidence was given of the services of the  
writer on the second defendant.

His Lordship ordered judgment against  
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